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## GERMANS COLLAPSING IN WEST; RIOTS GROW AT HOME Cannon-Fire Off Massachusetts Coast Starts Rumor of U. S. Naval Battle

### CITY ELECTION TO TAKE PLACE UNDER PRESENT SYSTEM

Proclamation Issued and New Charter Bill, Still Unacted On By Governor, Cuts No Figure; City Hall Officials See Possibility of No Change for Two Years

Honolulu's next city election will be on the present system. The charter revision bill moved through the legislature in the past few days and sent to the governor might before last now has no bearing on the election, irrespective of whether the governor approves it or vetoes it, and whether such veto is upheld or overridden by the two houses.

The Star-Bulletin's information yesterday that the election proclamation would be issued under the present law proved correct. Today City Clerk Kalaupuni issued a proclamation calling the city primary election for Saturday, May 18.

"I have ten days in which to consider the bill. My time was all taken up with other matters yesterday and I am extremely busy today. A charter which has taken the framers a year and a half to consider I cannot decide and act on in ten minutes," the governor said.

The proclamation today calls for the election of mayor, seven supervisors, sheriff, clerk, auditor, treasurer and attorney. The new charter plan, with its six supervisors elected by districts, and its superintendent of city works does not figure.

Meanwhile several complications are threatening to arise. One is that the present elected officials may hold office for a couple of years more. At least this is the figuring around the city.

New angles in the charter situation which may result in the present board continuing in office for another two years or the municipal election being held yet under the new charter were pointed out this morning by Mayor John C. Lane.

According to the mayor, if the charter is either signed by the governor or the governor's veto is overridden by the legislature it will immediately become necessary for the legislature to pass an enabling act declaring that the primary proclamation shall be issued 15 days prior to the date of the election. It is the mayor's opinion that if the new charter passes the primary proclamation issued today immediately becomes null and void. Therefore, if

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### CLUBS SHOULD GO 'DRY,' HE URGES

Charles G. Bookus Declares Time Has Come for Social Organizations to "Do Their Bit"

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless)  
NEW YORK, N. Y., April 18.—All-night licenses for saloons, hotels, night gardens, restaurants and cabarets were today cancelled by the city for the duration of the war.

At a meeting of the board of governors of the Commercial Club at noon today, it was decided that the club will serve no intoxicants after 7 p. m., beginning next Monday. This is the hour at which the saloons are to close, beginning the same day.

The University Club governors, meeting at noon, appointed a committee to investigate and authorized the president to call a special meeting of the members to act on such report.

Charles G. Bookus gave the following statement to the Star-Bulletin today:

It is eminently right and proper that Americans should show their colors at this critical time in the history of our country, but there are a great many other ways in which we are permitted to show our devotion to a righteous cause. One of the most important has been touched upon in the last few days in our own city. First by army officers, next by army clubs, I refer to the vital topic of closing the bars of social clubs throughout the duration of the war. We have had a great deal of several kinds of discussion relative to the hours which shall govern the closing of saloons in the past week, but I do not place the question of the closing of saloons on the same plane at all as I do the question of the absolute prohibition of the sale of any form of alcoholic liquors in the clubs of this city.

It is the business of a saloon to sell liquor. The saloon is legally licensed by the government to carry on its affairs under certain regulations, and

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### Coppers Are Shade Stronger

#### NEW YORK STOCK MARKET TODAY

	Today, day.	Yesterday.
Alaska Gold	99 1/2	98 1/2
American Smelter	112 1/2	112 1/2
American Sugar Rfg.	123 3/4	123 3/4
American Tel. & Tel.	78 1/2	78 1/2
Anaconda Copper	102 1/2	102 1/2
Atchafalpa	53 1/2	53 1/2
Faldisboro Loco.	76 1/4	76 1/4
Faldisboro & Ohio	76 1/4	76 1/4
Bethlehem Steel	112 1/2	112 1/2
Calif. Petroleum	20 1/2	21
Canadian Pacific	161 3/4	161 1/2
C. M. & St. P. (St. Paul)	80	80
Colo. Fuel & Iron	47	47
Crucible Steel	61 1/2	61 1/4
Erie Common	27 1/2	27 1/2
General Electric	164 1/2	164 1/2
General Motors, New	102 3/4	102 3/4
Great Northern Pfd.	110 1/2	110 1/2
Kennecott Copper	43 1/2	43 1/2
Lehigh R. R.	65 1/4	65 1/4
New York Central	94 1/4	94 1/4
Pennsylvania	53	52 1/2
Ray Consol.	29 1/4	29 1/4
Reading Common	95 1/4	94 3/4
Southern Pacific	94	93 3/4
Studebaker	84 3/4	84 3/4
Texas Oil	210 1/2	212 1/2
Union Pacific	137 1/2	136 3/4
U. S. Steel	111 1/2	110 3/4
Utah	110 1/2	110
Western Union	92 1/2	92 1/2
Westinghouse	48 1/2	48 1/2
May Wheat	2.32 1/2	2.24

\*Eld. Ex-dividend. †Unquoted.  
Bethlehem Steel—a represents Class A and B Class B stock.

SUGAR.  
C. M. & St. P. 1000, April 18.—Sugar 50 cts. 1000, April 18.—Previous quotation, 54 1/2 cts.

### MONTANA GIRLS CAPTURE HAWAII

Winning Contestants of Butte Newspaper Arrive and Take Honolulu By Storm

MONTANA—RAH! RAH!  
This was the cry from a dozen comely, vivacious young women who hurried down the Great Northern gangplank this morning, carrying a bundle of smiles.

The great welcoming crowd that always greets the palatial liner split in two and fell back. What was coming? The gay, girlish army, laughing, blinking, charged by. Spectators' stares of amazement turned to approving glances.

Out into the sunlight of Pier 16 they danced, their eyes drinking in the bright glories of a Hawaiian spring day.

Who were they? What did they want (surely they could have anything they wished) the welcoming crowd wondered. Such a sprightly party was entitled to only the best.

Again the feminine yell but with the force and spirit and "pép" of the North, went up a little clearer, a little louder, "Montana—Rah! Rah!" That settled it. They were from Montana, surely and the town was theirs.

Bevy Comes from Butte  
Eight of the happy crew are the lucky contestants in a Butte, Montana, newspaper contest. They won a trip; they could go to New York or Alaska or Florida, but they picked Hawaii; that's why they're here. And from exclamations of delight from everyone after only a few minutes in Honolulu there is no doubt they do not regret the selection.

Montana men met the party at the boat; Montana men helped them to register at the Blaisdell Hotel where they expect to stay until the Great Northern goes back Sunday and the women had not been in Honolulu an hour before they had been invited to the Ad Club luncheon today.

The girls are the guests of the Montana American, the most popular weekly magazine in Butte, Montana. Butte is the largest copper camp in the world and one of the most progressive and foremost cities in the Northwest.

Publisher's Wife Is Guide  
Mrs. Byron E. Cooney, wife of the publisher and editor of the American, is in charge of the party for that publication. She is one of the liveliest and most popular members of the party and is already regretting that they will have to go back Sunday. She is a stylish, well-set-up woman whose capable mind is indicated by the business-like, affable manner she handles her wards. She is business manager for the American.

Personnel of Party  
The eight young women are as follows: The Misses Lois Van Doozer, Nellie Sullivan, Helen Magson, Mildred Irvine, Mabel Zinn, Margaret McBride,

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### No Demand For Charter Such As Bill Provides

#### Hatch Points Out Danger To City

Supervisor F. M. Hatch today gave the Star-Bulletin the following signed statement:

The undersigned ventures to question the assertion, so persistently reiterated by the Advertiser, that there is an overpowering demand for a new charter for this city and county. If so much unnecessary pains have been taken to head off any reasonable public discussion, the fiasco before the house committee furnished no opportunity. The senate committee spent many laborious hours in seeking grammatical mistakes, but offered no public hearing.

On the merits I submit, that considering the community as a whole, and the necessity for the different sections of it to meet each other from day to day in a spirit of reasonable concession, the bill which has passed the legislature presents about as bad a system for Honolulu as the wit of man could devise. The underlying theory is plainly that the people are not to be trusted. This community does not deserve any such condemnation.

At its best the new charter puts upon one man more duties than can reasonably be expected by such talent as is available at any salary which will be offered. The city of Dayton pays \$19,000 per year for its experiment in one-man rule. As for the new system offering a premium, and a large one, to any combination of schemers who think they can swing the Hawaiian vote and get into power for a period of four years. The only saving clause in the humor contained in the provision of a fine for the supervisors in case they "interfere" with the heads of departments. This will give the Advertiser and its proteges, Andrews and Murray, fame for some time to come.

F. M. HATCH.

### APPROPRIATION BILL WILL BE MUCH CHANGED

Many important changes in the appropriation bill, including a complete alteration of the form of the measure, will be made by the finance committee of the house of representatives before it finally reports out.

The finance committee expects to complete its work on the bill tonight. The many changes that have been made may necessitate a reprint, and it was announced today that a report may be expected either Friday or Saturday.

In the first place, the finance committee has agreed to change the appropriation bill back to its customary form. As it came from the senate, the measure fixes individual salaries. The committee feels that considerable more leeway should be given as regards salaries, and that minor salaries should be left to the discretion of heads of departments rather than having them fixed by the legislature.

The second important change is the cutting of the so-called emergency appropriation from \$100,000 to \$50,000. This is the fund which takes the place of what used to be the governor's contingent fund. The reduction of this fund is, however, only tentative.

That the finance committee is discussing a restoration of the contingent fund, placing it in the hands of the governor with certain restrictions, has been the talk of the house for the last few days, but it was announced today that, as yet, no definite decision has been reached on this point.

### EXCISE TAX UPON SUGAR PLANNED

Mail advices received by the Planters' Association yesterday told of the fact that Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo has suggested the levying an excise tax of one cent a pound upon all refined sugar, the tax to be collected from the refiners. This applies to sugar refined from imported sugar as well as to duty-free sugar and does not attach until after it has been refined. Its effect will be to raise the price which the consumer pays and thus it may bring some curtailment in consumption as the householder will seek to economize.

The excise tax of one cent per cent on refined sugar which has been suggested by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo as a means of raising federal revenues will have absolutely no material effect on the raw sugar crop, George Rodiek, president of the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association, said today. The tax will be collected at the refineries and they in turn will simply add the one cent to the retail price of the sugar, or in other words the public will have to pay one cent more for its sugar.

This tax is to be placed on, imported as well as domestic sugars, according to word received by Rodiek, in order to preserve the present one cent tax against Cuban sugar.

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### Obey Law and Keep Mouths Shut, Advised

United States Marshal Jerome J. Smiddy received a letter from the department of justice this morning which gives some terse and succinct advice to German alien enemies in this country as to how to conduct themselves so as to avoid action against them on the part of that department. The letter is as follows:

Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.,  
April 6, 1917.  
To All United States Attorneys  
and Marshals:

Dear Sir—You are hereby directed to give full publicity to the following statement:  
No German alien enemy in this country, who has not hitherto been implicated in plots against the interests of the United States, need have any fear of action by the department of justice so long as he obeys the following warning:

Obeys the law; keep your mouth shut.

Respectfully,  
T. W. GREGORY,  
Attorney General.

### SENATORS PASS SEVEN BILLION APPROPRIATION

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18.—Seven billion dollars, three billions of which are to be set aside for the use of our Allies, were appropriated by the senate yesterday without a single objection vote. Minor changes in the measure as it came from the house will necessitate a slight delay while it goes to the conference committee, but it is confidently believed that this delay will be short and that the house will approve of the alterations which the senate has made in the measure.

The measure gives to the administration full authorization and control over the expenditure of the huge sum. Eighty-four votes were cast for the measure, and the majority of the 12 senators who failed to vote were absent sick. The others were absent on business.

Secretary McAdoo of the treasury department held a conference with J. Pierpont Morgan, head of the famous banking house, yesterday, to decide upon the best means for floating the huge bond issue. Mr. Morgan declared that the country is in splendid condition and fully capable of absorbing the issue without the least disturbance of business conditions.

The government is desirous of having the bonds reach as many people as possible and it is more than likely that the issue will include bonds of denominations as low as \$25. In this way it is believed that they will reach millions of investors.

### ELIMINATION OF ARMORY FUNDS IS MUCH REGRETTED

Profound regret was expressed today by Speaker H. L. Holstein over the action of the senate in eliminating armories from the island of Hawaii from the loan fund bill.

Since the beginning of the legislative session he has watched National Guard matters with keen interest, and especially the move to get money for armories on the Big Island.

"If this legislature will not build armories on the other islands," says Holstein, "the enthusiasm of the young men entering the guard will be dampened."

"A building like an armory, especially in the outer districts, will serve to draw all classes to the colors with the knowledge that they have a place to go."

Speaker Holstein has not intimated that he will take any steps toward the ultimate revival of Hawaii armory appropriations in the loan fund bill. The loan fund bill is due to come to the house within a very short time.

### TRAFFIC FALLS OFF

(By Associated Press)  
COPENHAGEN, Denmark.—Passenger traffic on the state railways of Denmark has been reduced one-third, in order to economize coal. With the same object, the government plans to prohibit the export of cement because of the large amount of coal used in its production. Heavy restrictions are also to be placed on the output of the paper mills, and the size of newspapers is to be still further reduced.

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### BOSTON NAVY YARD BELIEVES AMERICAN VESSELS HAVE MET UNKNOWN GERMANS; HEAVY FOG

Torpedoing of Spanish Vessel Expected to Inflame People Against Teutons

(Associated Press by Commercial Pacific Cable)

BOSTON, Mass., April 18.—Reports of heavy gun-firing heard off the entrance to Massachusetts Bay sent a thrill of emotion and expectancy along the entire coast early this morning.

Three coast guards at stations on Cape Cod reported that they had counted distinct and repeated detonations identified as cannonading. It is believed at the navy yard that American vessels have engaged the enemy. A heavy fog lies over the sea.

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless)

MADRID, Spain, April 18.—The Spanish steamship Tom was torpedoed today unwarned. Eighteen lives were lost, according to late reports. This incident is expected still further to inflame Spain against Germany.

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless)

PARIS, France, April 18.—The French battered their way forward against a yielding enemy today. Nivelle's forces made good progress east of Soissons, capturing Chavonne and Chivy, and reaching the vicinity of Bray En Laonnais.

The Germans made three desperate counter-attacks in Champagne. The French, directing their big 75's and machine-guns, inflicted heavy losses on the enemy in these attempted advances.

Since Monday 14,000 unwounded Germans, a large number of machine-guns, a big trench mortar and 12 cannon have been captured by the French in the Champagne district.

LONDON, England, April 18.—The British forces today progressed north of St. Quentin, capturing Villers and Guislain.

BERLIN, Germany, April 18.—Three thousand prisoners were taken yesterday by the Germans on the French front.

The Germans have driven the French from positions in Macedonia.

LONDON, April 18.—In the neighborhood of Morovillers the entire first line of the Teuton position over a width of more than nine miles was driven in yesterday and consolidated by the attacking French troops, and east and southeast of Auberville, where a Teuton bastion had thrust itself into the French lines for two and a half years, the Polish rushed the positions of their foes along a front eight miles wide and despite the fact that the salient had been powerfully fortified by the Germans, thrust the foe out, capturing thousands of prisoners in the salient that was more than two miles across at the base.

All told the total of the German prisoners taken by the French offensive during the last two days, Monday and Tuesday, number more than thirteen thousand.

Farther to the west, in the country between the Oise river and the French salient that apexes at Conde sur Aisne, or distance of approximately thirty-five miles, the French artillery has been pouring in the fiercest of artillery fires, so hot that the German general staff announces that it is "unparalleled in intensity."

### Berlin Paper Says People of Germany Are Longing For Peace

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless)

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, April 18.—News today from Berlin says that the radical newspaper Vorwaerts, which several times has been suppressed by the government for too daring statements, declares that the German people want peace. The Vorwaerts is quoted as saying that the strike in Berlin is based not only on the lack of food and demand for internal reform but on a deep longing of the people for peace.

The general strike which is fast spreading over Prussia and Germany has now begun to affect the munition factories of the Empire, according to information reaching this city last night. According to this report, some of the largest of the ammunition plants have already been affected by the walkout, and others are threatened.

The strike is exceedingly widespread and is being fanned by agitators who are reported to be spreading peace pamphlets among the striking workers, urging that the strike be used to force the government to make peace immediately. So far there have been no disorders reported.

### FEAR INDEPENDENCE IN MANCHURIA

(By Associated Press)  
PEKING, China.—Disquieting rumors are in circulation in Peking concerning an alleged plan to make a separate state out of Manchuria and place it under Manchurian rule, with the capital at Mukden.

Three sons of the late Prince Ching, the most famous of the Manchurian statesmen who directed Chinese affairs during the last years of the monarchy, recently went from Dairen to Japan, where they are to take courses in military schools. The departure of these young Manchus, all of whom are of age, prompted much newspaper discussion as to the plans of the young princes. Many newspapers in North China regard Japan's interest in the young Manchus with much suspicion.

### WOOLWICH GROWS FAST

(By Associated Press)  
LONDON, Eng.—The population of Woolwich, the London borough which contains the great Woolwich arsenal, has nearly trebled since the beginning of the war and is now about 140,000.

### House-Senate Split Seen On Conscription

(A. P. by U. S. Naval Wireless)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18.—Opponents of the plan of selective conscription in the house military committee today won a victory for the time when the committee, by a vote of 12 to 8, decided to have the army bill carry a provision to try to raise a force of volunteers.

The senate military committee took another attitude. By a vote of 10 to 7 it decided in favor of conscription.

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